



**Arizona Department of Health Services  
Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs  
Integrated Services Grant**



**ISG-Committee Status Update  
November 2006**

**Committee Name:** Young Adult Transition

**Chairpersons:** George Garcia, Chair  
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**Facilitator:** Beverly Plonski-Fuqua

**Priority Strategy(ies) and Status:**

**Objective 4.1. Prepare youth, families, pediatric and adult health care providers and the educational system for transition.**

- It was decided by the committee that a Summit, rather than a conference, would provide the young adults with the opportunity to explore in more depth issues that they identified which significantly effect Transition and give recommendations that can possibly impact systems change to better serve youth and their families.
- The Summit theme is: "Creating Effective and Sustainable Systems Change for Youth and Families".
- The Summit is being planned for August 2007.
- The plan is to invite:
  - > agency representatives, who have the authority to make decisions and partner to effect the needed change, to participate in the day's events and assist with identifying workable solutions to identified barriers.
  - > young adults that are representative of the state and varying life situations, such as but not limited to, foster care, juvenile corrections, special health care needs, and behavioral health needs.
  - > family representation

A ratio of agency representatives and the number of youth have yet to be determined. It was thought that total in attendance would be approximately 50 people.

- Topics (that will be determined by the committee) will be discussed that will:
  - > identify positive system things that are occurring,
  - > identify barriers, and
  - > identify potential solutions.
- The day's event will end with an evening social
- Recommendations from the Summit will be presented to the Task Force at their next scheduled meeting following the Summit.

**Opportunities for integration:**

- Arizona Department of Education Transition Leadership Team.
- ISG Adolescent Health Community Advisory Group.

**Barriers identified:**

- Identifying youth who are able to attend meetings continues to be a barrier.

**Support needed:**

- Financial resources to fund the evening social.

**Recommendations to the Task Force:**

- None at this time